

Remarks

Claims 1-19 and 21-50 are pending in the application. Claims 4-6, 9, 10, 21-38 and 43 have been withdrawn from consideration pursuant to a restriction requirement by the Examiner. Claim 20 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 7-17 and 39-50 are allowed. Claims 1-3, 18 and 19 are rejected.

Claim rejections

Section 102

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Cash (US 5,729,197). The Applicant respectfully traverses. Cash does not support the asserted rejection for at least the reason that Cash does not disclose "a first communications network to provide two-way communications via the communications unit," as recited in claim 1. Instead, in Cash, the satellite pager cited as corresponding to the claimed communications unit can only perform one-way notifications to subscribers to an alarm system. Accordingly, claim 1, and claims 2 and 3 dependent thereon, are allowable over Cash. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-3 is therefore respectfully requested.

Claims 18 and 19 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Pedigo (US 4,995,072). Claim 18 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 20, which was indicated to be allowable if rewritten to include the limitation of claim 18. Accordingly, claim 18, and claim 19 dependent thereon, are allowable. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 18 and 19 is therefore respectfully requested.

Claim objections

Claim 20 was objected to. Claim 20 has been canceled.


Conclusion

In light of the above discussion, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in all aspects in allowable condition, and earnestly solicits favorable reconsideration and early issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4323 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is authorized to charge any fees related to this communication to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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